THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government seeks an overall improvement in Indo-Pak relations including by strengthening trade between the two countries. The Joint Statement issued at Islamabad at the conclusion of foreign Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan in June '97, identified Economic and Commercial Cooperation as one of the subjects for future discussions with the objective of strengthening trade relations and it was decided to set up working groups at appropriate levels to address the various issues identified in this connection. The next round of Foreign Secretary level talks is scheduled to take place in September' 97.

Jewellery Policy

553. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Revenue deptt. dilemma over gems, jewellery policy" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated June 30, 1997;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government to the observations made therein and the facts of the matter;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the details of the proposals under consideration for making changes in EXIM policy and the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Interministerial discussions are an established procedure in the Government to arrive at decisions. Following such procedure, a large number of Notifications and instructions have been issued by Department of Revenue after the EXIM Policy for 1997-2002 was notified. Some other issues are under examination in consultation with the Ministry of Commerce.

Export Oriented Units

554. DR. M. JAGANNATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of our exports through export processing zones and export oriented units during each of the last three years;

(b) the value contents of exports and imports of EPZs/EPUs during each of the last three years;

(c) the details of export processing zones and value of exports from each zone; and

(d) names of new export processing zones to be developed during the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) A Statement is attached.

(d) Keeping in view the availability of funds and the need to optimise the infrastructural facilities in the existing Export Processing Zones, there is no proposal, at present for Central Govt. to set up new Zones in the country. However, Export Processing Zones can now be established by State Governments or in joint/private sector.

Statement

Year	Exports made by Export Oriented Units (EOUs) and Units in Export Processing Zones (EPZs). (Rs. Crores)	Imports made by Export Oriented Units (EOUs) and Units and Export Processing Zones (EPZs) (Rs. Crores)	Percentage of EOU and EPZ exports in the total exports of the country
1994-95	7363.11	3077.28	8.90
1995-96	10229.88	5920.95	9.61
1996-97 (Estimated)	12527.73	7015.48	10.42

Name of export processing zones and exports from each zone during the last three years:

(Rs. crores)

Zone	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (Provisional)
Kandla FTZ	320.03	325.29	374.15
Santacruz Electronics EPZ	1549.46	1876.29	2176.30
Noida EPZ	367.00	496.89	586.53
Madras EPZ	281.38	391.92	992.42
Cochin EPZ	102.53	120.31	165.38
Falta EPZ	32.31	24.04	29.15
Vizag EPZ	0.40	0.89	-
Total	2653.11	3235.63	4323.93

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Production of Coal

555. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal mines in the country; State-wise and location-wise;

(b) the per-day total production of coal in the said mines; and

(c) the details of profit earned from the coal extracted from these coal mines during 1995-96 and 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The number of coal mines of Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), State-wise and company-wise are given below:-

Company	Bihar	West Bengal	Orissa	M.P.	U.P.	Maharashtra	Assam	Meghalaya	A.P.	Total
CIL										
ECL	18	106	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	124
BCCL	85	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88
CCL	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
NCL	-	-	-	6	4	-	-	-	-	10
WCL	-	-	-	37	-	49	-	-	-	86
SECL	-	-	-	95	-	-	-	-	-	95
MCL	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
NEC/CIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	7
SCCL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71	71
Total	174	109	21	138	4	49	6	1	71	573